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SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)

Overall Effectiveness of Program:

- Simply the best! Largest installation level public affairs office in AF; outstanding support to AF top aerospace acquisition programs, AF Research Laboratory, air base wing, medical group, 125 tenants
- Synergistic approach, innovative public affairs tools reached 23,000+ warriors, their families, 150,000+ retirees; they know Team Wright-Patt rapidly delivers war-winning capabilities
- Leveraged every event--Commander's Town Hall sessions, AF Marathon, Dayton Air Show, 9/11 anniversary; Community Relations got AF messages to local audiences, elected officials; Media Relations reached global audiences; Internal Information kept workforce informed on key issues
- Dramatic, high-visibility year; actively involved with 37 Miami Valley communities, 24 Chambers of Commerce; economic development groups in 10 counties; positively impacted region of 1.7 million
- No one comes close! Aggressively used proven, innovative public affairs tools--newspaper, cable TV Internet, Commander's Calls--to communicate with largest, most diverse Air Force audience
- Expertly managed activities to meet AF, community needs for WPAFB, all nine ASC industrial plants
- Armed everyone with PGMs--precision-guided messages--ready to engage media/community and win!
- Increased understanding of Air and Space Expeditionary Force; region watched warriors go to war

Research and Planning:

- Strategic Communications Plan drove continuous, on target ASC communication with all audiences
- Developed comprehensive PA plan for 2003 Centennial of Flight events at the birthplace of aviation
- Reinvigorated F/A-22 PA Working Group; organized first face-to-face meeting in more than a year
- Wrote first-ever response checklist, trained staff for weapons of mass destruction contingencies
- Prime players in 3-week U.S. Marine Training in an Urban Environment Exercise; provided detailed planning, messages, coordination for media support, liaison among Marines, base, city leaders
- Initiated quarterly forum with base newspaper publisher, PA staff; better paper for 35,000 readers

Program Execution and Evaluation:

- Flawlessly executed PA portion of numerous high-level visits: President, First Lady, Vice President; Ohio Congressional delegation; extensive regional coverage, praised by White House Press Office
- Leveraged Commander's Access Channel to provide instant information to Team Wright-Patt 24/7 via cable TV including live television broadcast of AF Marathon, 9/11 Memorial ceremony, Reveille
- Modernized PA Web pages--both public and secure--to provide communications tools from A to Z
- Key interviews with local media addressed community concerns on AF readiness, WPAFB installation security, base's role in defense; reached 1.7M from Cincinnati to Columbus to Indiana
- ASC/CC advanced elected official, Congressional and community partnering by conducting two Town Hall meetings; resulted in development of common expectations with base, community leadership
- Superb execution of Valor Park memorial; event honored 59 Air Force Medal of Honor recipients
- Security and Policy Review processed 3,235 cases--more than any other Air Force field-level PA activity; streamlined processes, maintained excellent customer service; protected vital AF information
- Redesigned AF's largest base newspaper--now three sections with 33% increase in color capability

Innovativeness of Program:

- Knocked down personnel system roadblocks; transformed PA staff; increased productivity, morale!
 -- 2 temp promotions to higher grades; 2 civilians to PA school; 2 Phoenix Readiness, 3 IWAC grads
- Real-time collaboration; key to AFRL hybrid public-restricted websites; access to all cleared users
- Created database of active messages, updated weekly, posted on the Web; power in hands of leaders
- Driving force behind instant posting of hazardous winter weather advisories on base home page
- Hit 10,000+ listeners on weekly drive-time radio show; Team Wright-Patt got their messages out
- Supported Elvira Neighborhood Assn. "Celebrating YOUth" Fiesta in Tucson, AZ: PA-led "games" educated hundreds of students, parents on how AF uses technology to eliminate pollution at the source
- Strong partnerships with Comm Group, cable TV provider led to live CAC broadcasts of major events